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## Florida Department of Health in Escambia County Announces New Walk-In Testing Dates for July in Pensacola



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**Pensacola, Fla.** — The Florida Department of Health in Escambia County (FDOH-Escambia) is expanding specimen collection for COVID-19 offered to Florida residents in July. The primary focus is virus testing from swab samples to help identify those who are COVID positive and that need contact tracing. This effort is part of the continuing public health surveillance and monitoring for COVID-19 that is occurring across the state.

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### COVID-19 Walk-In Testing Schedule\*

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Where**	When	Who	How
<b>FDOH-Escambia Downtown Center</b> 1300 West Gregory St. Pensacola, FL 32502	Open 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. CT on the following dates:  Monday, July 20 Tuesday, July 21 Wednesday, July 22 Thursday, July 23 Friday, July 24	All Florida residents with or without symptoms	Walk-in, no appointment needed  Bring your Florida driver's license. Only Florida residents will be tested.  Cloth face coverings are required to enter the building for testing.

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*\*Dates are subject to change due to inclement weather or shortage of supplies.*

*\*\*Location is subject to change. Please visit [EscambiaHealth.com](https://EscambiaHealth.com) for up-to-date information.*

The samples collected at this site will be processed by private labs, with results received typically in one week.

### Sites for COVID-Testing in Escambia County

Persons who become sick should call, do not visit, their health care provider and tell them about their symptoms and travel history or exposure to a COVID-19 patient. Persons who do not have a health care provider or health insurance, may call (do not visit) Community Health Northwest Florida at 850-436-4630 or other community walk-in care locations, and tell them about their symptoms and travel history or exposure to a COVID-19 patient.

An [online assessment screening for COVID-19](#) is available to determine if further diagnostic testing is needed. The screening can also be accessed by texting “Screen” to 850-318-3080. The screening is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. You can also call the screening center at 850-434-4080 to determine if you need an appointment.

COVID-19 testing is available at several locations in Escambia County, including drive-thru and walk-up testing.

- **IMPORTANT:** Pre-screening may be required before arriving at testing centers by calling the local COVID-19 Screening Call Center at 850-746-2684.
- The screening call center is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. The call center staff will assist in helping find the testing center that best fits the needs of each person needing a COVID-19 test.
- The hours of operation for some testing centers for COVID-19 are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The call center staff will confirm the hours, as they vary by location and day of week.

Testing sites and eligibility criteria vary and are subject to change. For more detailed information on testing sites, visit Escambia County’s dedicated COVID-19 [webpage](#) or call the Citizen Information Center at 850-471-6600.

### **For More Information on COVID-19**

Visit the Florida Department of Health [COVID-19 webpage](#) for information on COVID-19. If you have questions, please call the Department’s COVID-19 Call Centers available 24/7 at 1 (866) 779-6121 or email [COVID-19@flhealth.gov](mailto:COVID-19@flhealth.gov).

The free *StrongerThanC19* app is available to both iOS and Android users and can be downloaded from the Apple or Google app stores.

The *StrongerThanC19* app and [website](#) are designed to gather information to help the Department of Health track and slow the spread of COVID-19 in Florida; they are not intended to be used as a symptom checker designed to dispense medical advice.

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